

Lifetime Achievement Award

Scoring Guide

How Applications Are Scored

Applications are evaluated across nine objectives organized under three AONL strategic priorities. Each objective is scored on a scale of 0-10, for a maximum score of 90 points.

Lifetime Achievement Alignment with AONL Strategic Priorities

Priority I: Lead, Inspire and Support the Healthcare Workforce

- Objective 1.1: Engages the community of nurse leaders to drive innovation and knowledge exchange.
- Objective 1.2: Leverages evidence-based research and demonstrating the economic value of nursing and nurse leaders.
- Objective 1.3: Builds psychologically and physically safe and healthy practice environments.

Priority II: Improve Health Through Advocacy

- Objective 2.1: Strengthens nurse leaders with competencies to influence strategic and operational decisions.
- Objective 2.2: Builds strategic partnerships across policy, practice and education.
- Objective 2.3: Advances nursing leadership through health policy and advocacy.

Priority III: Advance Nursing Leadership

- Objective 3.1: Leads adoption of innovative practice solutions and emerging technologies.
- Objective 3.2: Develops resources that prepare leadership career pathways.
- Objective 3.3: Convenes academic and mission-aligned partners to address national and global health challenges.

What Reviewers Are Looking For

Evidence of a lifetime body of work and broad influence rather than a single accomplishment, initiative or position. Describe the nominee's accomplishments, leadership role, measurable outcomes, sustained impact and influence. Strong submissions will connect actions to outcomes, quantify results and provide supporting evidence such as workforce outcomes, quality outcomes, publications, presentations, partnerships, policy contributions, innovation or professional service.